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H.B. No. 511

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to the closure of a school campus by the board of trustees of a school district.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:

SECTION 1. Subchapter D, Chapter 11, Education Code, is amended by adding Section 11.176 to read as follows:

Sec. 11.176. CAMPUS CLOSURE. (a) Before ordering the closure of a school campus, the board of trustees of a school district shall hold a public hearing at which residents of the district may comment on the proposed closure.

(b) Not later than the seventh day before the date of the hearing, the board must:

(1) provide written notice of the hearing to the parent of or person standing in parental relation to each student affected by the closure; and

(2) publish notice of the hearing in a newspaper of general circulation in the district.

(c) The notice of the hearing required by Subsection (b) must include:

(1) the subject matter of the hearing, including the reason for the proposed closure; and

(2) the location, date, and time of the hearing.

(d) Following a hearing under Subsection (a), the board shall vote on the proposed closure. If the board votes to close a

1 school campus, the board shall send the results of the vote to the  
2 commissioner for approval.

3 (e) The board may not order the closure of a school campus  
4 without first obtaining the approval of the commissioner for the  
5 closure.

6 (f) The commissioner may adopt rules as necessary to  
7 implement this section.

8 SECTION 2. This Act takes effect September 1, 2011.